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APPLICANT: Toshiharu Yanagida ATTORNEY DOCKET NO:
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INVENTION: "SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS AND PROCESS OF
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which is a Divisional of copending Application of the following U.S. Application

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified
patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

This application is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 09/385,959 filed
August 30, 1999, New Attorney Docket No. 09792909-4298, Old Attorney Docket No.
P99,1318. The present and foregoing application claims priority to Japanese Application No.

09915160.072501

P10-247393 filed September 1, 1998 and Application No: P11-146942 filed May 26, 1999.

All of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The above amendments are being made to set forth claims 1-6 upon which this divisional application is based.

Respectfully submitted,

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